

**MISSOURI'S
SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Department of Mental Health, Conference Room CPS
Jefferson City, Missouri
May 20, 2008**

Members Present: Stan Edlavitch, Elizabeth Makulec, Guyla Gardner, Maureen Hennessey, Laurie Hines, Mariann Atwell, Mark Stringer, Aurita Prince-Caldwell, John Robbins, Susan Calloway

Members Absent: Deb Cook, Bill Heberle, Heather Fabian, Ed Riedel, Donna Scott, Lesley Levin, Shelia Osborn, Sen. Charlie Shields, and Rep. Connie L. Johnson

Visitors: No visitors were noted on the conference call.

Staff: Joellyn Boecker, Scott Perkins, and Holly Barnhart

TOPIC/ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION/PENDING Responsible Due Date
CALL TO ORDER	Roll call was taken at 10:03 a.m.	
MEETING MINUTES	The meeting was called to order. The minutes from the March 18, 2008 conference call were not sent to the SPAC members.	The March meeting minutes will be sent.
BI-ANNUAL REPORT	The report is still under development.	Ms. Gardner will develop a rough draft.
SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT	Mr. Perkins stated that the application proposal for the new youth grant was submitted, and a response is pending. DMH will ask for a no cost extension on the carryover funds.	

<p><u>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	<p>There have been many changes with the SPAC membership. Subcommittees are in need of new member assignments, including chairs. DMH staff support is limited.</p>	<p>Ms. Gardner will review and submit a list of subcommittees and their respective members.</p>
<p>The Awareness Subcommittee</p>	<p>As Ms. Prince-Caldwell will no longer be with the Committee, a new chair for this subcommittee will need to be assigned. Currently the subcommittee does not have any recommendations for the media award, which is due July 14, 2008. Suggestions were made during this meeting but submissions were not made prior to this meeting for the Committee's review.</p>	<p>It was decided to postpone the media award.</p>
<p>Goals and Objectives Subcommittee</p>	<p>Letter of response to Dr. Schafer Dr. Edlavitch proposed that the letter be divided into three different sections with bullet points that follow: Section one will be evidence-based programs and special needs of targeted types of populations. Section two will describe information on a few key programs. Section three would be summary and recommendations of the SPAC's role and relationship with the Department. It was suggested that the letter contain some content about resources for the group. It was suggested that letters be sent to the governor candidates.</p>	<p>It was decided to develop the letter with three bullet points that have supporting comments.</p>
<p>Legislative</p>	<p>No report at this time.</p>	
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p>		
<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>Two letters following electronic approval by committee members were sent on SPAC's behalf to support two programs. Separately, the letters supported DMH's application for the Suicide Prevention Grant and KUTO's Gateway grant application. (Ms. Makulec was recused from discussion on the KUTO's letter.)</p>	

Correspondence Procedures	This topic was postponed.	
Meeting dates and times	<p>Questions and concerns were raised over the feasibility and functionality of the proposed five-hour meetings. It was recommended that a professional facilitator could be used to assist committee development. Chris Egbert from the Department of Corrections was recommended.</p> <p>It was recommended to begin the face-to-face meeting in July, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. and to end it at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Dr. Atwell and Mr. Stringer will work to schedule a facilitator for the July, 2008 meeting.</p> <p>Meeting times for July 15, 2008 will be determined on the June 17, 2008 conference call.</p>
Suicide Prevention Conference	The Suicide Prevention Conference is on July 14 th . Mr. Perkins discussed the possibility of financial assistance for SPAC members to attend the conference.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.	